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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Japanese Embassy Celebrates Mikado's Birthday.

NOVEMBER BRIDES ARE FETED

Miss Alice Langhorne Guest of Honor at Harbour Party, and Miss Ramage Entertains at Seminary Hill, Complimentary to Miss Ellen Lee Young—The Roots' Dinner Party.

The Ambassador from Japan and Viscountess Aoki celebrated the Mikado's birthday on Saturday evening by a dinner party at their new home on Franklin Square. The guests were limited to the members of the hosts' official family.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root entertained at dinner last evening complimentary to their guests Col. Arthur Lee, of the British army, and Mrs. Lee.

The first of a number of dinner parties complimentary to the November brides given last evening, when Mr. and Mrs. James F. Barbour entertained in honor of Miss Alice Langhorne, whose marriage to Mr. Stanley Washburn, of Minnesota, will take place November 27. The company to meet Miss Langhorne included the Belgian Minister and Baroness Moncheur, Capt. and Mrs. Reber, Lieut. and Mrs. R. C. Bulmer, Mrs. Powell Clayton, Jr., a sister of the bride-elect, Mrs. Richard, Miss Eleanor Terry, Miss Winifred Mattingly, Capt. Harding, Capt. Cleveland Davis, Lieut. Edward McCauley, Mr. Pulido, of the Legation of Venezuela, Mr. Clary Ray, Mr. William Marrow, and Mrs. Broome, the daughter of the hosts.

Miss Ellen Lee Young was the guest of honor at luncheon on Saturday at the home of Miss Ramage, of Seminary Hill, Va. To meet this bride-elect were present Mrs. J. P. Ridgely, Mrs. Eugene A. Jones, Mrs. Charles K. Koomes, Mrs. Sam Koomes, Mrs. William A. Hill, Mrs. Charles A. Dunn, Miss Etta Young, Miss Fanny Abbott, Miss Elizabeth Melgish, and Miss Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinald de Koven have purchased a residence on East Fifty-sixth street, New York, where they purpose making their home in the future. Mr. and Mrs. de Koven will give a series of Sunday-afternoon receptions with music during the winter. Miss Ethel de Koven, who made her debut in Washington two years ago, will pass the winter with her parents.

Mrs. S. W. Smith, wife of Representative S. W. Smith, of Michigan, has arrived at the Buckingham.

Commander and Mrs. W. C. Cowles and family, who have recently returned from Europe, have an apartment at the Buckingham.

Miss Janet Richards, who returned from Europe in October, will resume her current topics talks at Scottish Rite Hall, at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Her first talk will be a resume of the important events of the past six months.

The marriage is announced on Saturday, November 3, of Miss A. Rita Cissell and Mr. Frank H. Dudley, both of this city. Rev. Samuel H. Greene performed the ceremony in his home on Q street. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. The young people left on an afternoon train for their honeymoon trip.

Maj. Edward Burr, U. S. A., late in command at the Washington Barracks, is now on duty in Boston, where he and Mrs. Burr have taken an apartment at the Marlborough for the winter.

Commander C. C. Rogers, U. S. N., and Miss Rogers, who have been passing the autumn at Winchester, Va., have returned to town for the winter.

Mrs. William Metcalf Bliss will pass the winter in Washington before sailing for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claymore are late arrivals from Washington at The Hague, where they have an apartment at the Index.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McClintock are in Rome, where they recently joined Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McClintock at the Hotel Regina.

After a year's pleasant sojourn in Europe, Col. T. H. Handbury, U. S. A., has taken passage for himself and Mrs. Handbury on the Rotterdam steamer Vanderland, which leaves Antwerp for New York November 17, expecting to reach New York about November 28, where they will remain a few days before coming to Washington, where they purpose passing the winter.

Mrs. W. P. Potter and Miss Potter, wife and daughter of Capt. Potter, of the Bureau of Navigation, have returned from Lake Champlain and are occupying their apartment at the Highlands.

Lieut. and Mrs. Arthur L. Fuller have gone to Boston, where Lieut. Fuller has been ordered for special duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Carusi have closed their country home in Maryland and returned to their residence on Eighteenth street for the winter. Mrs. George H. Cooper, 125 Fifth street northwest, will spend the month of November with her daughter, Mrs. Reinhardt, at Brookton, Mass.

The Kappa Sigmas gave a dance Saturday night at the Fraternity home, at 2021 H street northwest. The house was tastefully decorated in the society colors, and about twenty couples were in attendance. An orchestra from the Marine Band furnished excellent music, and a delightful time was had by all present. This was the first of the regular monthly dances which are to be held at the fraternity home during the present school year.

Those present were Miss Gertrude Fry, Miss Lucie Coleman, Miss Georgia Sher-

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AGAINST FEDERAL OWNERSHIP

National University Law Students Debate Weighty Question.

The auditorium of the National University Law School was well filled Saturday night by an audience that had gathered to hear a debate given by the students of that institution. The subject was "Resolved, That the government ownership of our railroads would be an unwise policy."

After debate lasting over an hour the decision was rendered in favor of the contestants on the negative side. To Mr. J. D. Carpenter, of the negative side, was awarded first place among the debaters, and to Mr. M. R. Bevington second place. To Mr. C. C. Redwood, critic of the debating club and speaker on the affirmative side, credit was given for the arguments he presented.

Mr. W. R. Layne is president of the society. Debates are held every Saturday evening, a number of which the public is invited to attend.

A SMART JACKET.



The short jacket that is the preference for suit or costume purposes is really seen at its most attractive best when of the fitted order, and with a frilly little basque or peplum added below the waist. Such is the style followed in this smart tailormade, where the ever-useful and stylish black broadcloth is employed to advantage, combined with a touch of velvet, a little lace, and some smart braiding on the coat. The velvet forms a semi-standing collar, and is brought down in a little vest effect, making for a straight and loose line in the front. Sides and back fit closely, and the little double basque is fashioned to present a full ripple over the hip and a fan effect in the back. The skirt is fashioned in double box-pleated panel effect, the pleats stitched down in spot design to just above the knee, where they are released to flare prettily to the feet, the heavy pressing of the tailor's goose being relied on to retain the pleats in correct folds without taping on the back. The hem is finished with a velvet facing that efficiently protects the skirt hem from fraying, even when subjected to hard wear.

FISHING ALONG THE SPEEDWAY.

To sportsmen who spend weeks in the recognized haunts of fish and return to Washington without even a fish yarn to their credit, the sight of yesterday's big catch down on the sea wall, close to the Speedway, may have had a depressing and envious effect.

They were literally pulling them in yesterday morning, and the sport was conducted beneath a warm sun and the eyes of many onlookers who paused in automobiles and carriages to enjoy the sight. Old and young were engaged alike in the sport, but the fishermen who had most to boast were the lucky ones. Minnows and pork and anglerworms were out of the running, though the books were loaded with every conceivable lure to fish. Plenty of yellow perch were captured, but the great hauls of the day were splined bass, coming down into the mild water and caught with rod and wheel, specimens that weighed from half a pound to three pounds.

The men had the luck, for the most part, and fishermen in boats did not meet with the success of those upon the sea wall. One little youngster in knickerbockers and red cap danced about from group to group touting the count and distributing news of the catch to the audience. "Gee!" cried he, "I've held everybody's fishpole in my hands this morning and never got a bite, and I've dropped my own line close to the luckiest fisherman here, but I haven't had any luck." No sooner had the youngster said the words than his cork bobbed under water and there was a general scramble to prevent the line being swept out of sight. It required three men and the boy to finally land the big, wriggling bass that weighed fully two pounds.

About 2 o'clock the men began to leave the sea wall, the biting ceasing at that universal Sunday dinner hour. As many as twelve heavy strings of fish were drawn from the water and the elated fishermen's departure broke up the line of spectators and acted as a signal for automobiles and horses to pass on.

Bow Knot Club Entertains.

The Ladies' Bow Knot Club, an auxiliary of Capitol Circle, No. 315, of the Protected Home Circle, entertained the supreme officers of that society at a dinner given last Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. A. O. P. Grant, 602 D street northwest. Mrs. Jennie Abbott, president of the club, delivered an address of welcome.

Adopta Finger-tip System.
The Navy Department is preparing to follow the War Department in adopting "Puddin'head Wilson's" system of fingerprint identification. Orders to this effect will be issued shortly.

Dedicate Labor Temple.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Five thousand members of the German Building Laborers' Union dedicated their new \$75,000 labor temple to-day. The structure is the first ever erected in Chicago exclusively by a labor union. It is provided with offices, halls, and lodge rooms, suitable for business and social gatherings.

ONCE WASHINGTON BEAUTY.

Death of Mrs. Rice Recalls Social Life of Old Capital.

To persons acquainted with the social history of Washington during the middle of the last century the news of the death of Mrs. Henry M. Rice in St. Paul cannot fail to be of interest.

Mrs. Rice was Miss Matilda Whitall, one of the most famous beauties that graced Washington society more than fifty years ago. Miss Whitall was of English parentage, though born in Rome, N. Y. Many of the early years of her life were spent in this city and Richmond. For a long time she resided with her grandparents, who lived in Georgetown, and attended school there. Miss Whitall left Washington while still unmarried, and it was during a subsequent visit to the Capital that she met Henry M. Rice, to whom she was later married.

The home of the Rices was from that time in St. Paul, but many years of their lives were passed in this city, as Mr. Rice served terms in both houses of Congress, during which time their residence here became famous because of the charms and beauty of its hostess. The impression made upon members of Washington society are still retained by those who formed a part of it at that time. Mrs. Rice's death resulted from a complication of diseases at a time when she was planning to make another visit to this city.

The children left by Mrs. Rice are Mrs. E. Newport, of New York; Mrs. Maurice Auerbach, of St. Paul; Mrs. Thompson, wife of Col. R. G. Thompson, and Frederick E. Rice, of St. Paul.

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CHAPTER XIX—Continued.

For the space of fifty seconds Perigord gazed into his eyes as though he would read the young man's soul; then he did a strange thing, a thing that showed himself to be a man of great and noble mind, capable of grand and generous actions. Turning to the officer he said in swift Italian: "Be kind enough, lieutenant, at once to release Lord Francis Cressingham."

The lieutenant evinced no surprise. "Certainly, signor," he said; and taking a key from his pocket stepped forward. Next instant Cressingham was free.

Mr. Perigord said to him with grave but kindly dignity in Russian: "My lord, I took you for a traitor, because you disappeared from Italy the same moment as Madame Vityella. No doubt you will be able to give me good reasons for your wandering. If I have misjudged you, I hope you will forgive me; for my recent expressions in that they have pricked your sensibilities, I unreservedly apologize."

Cressingham, who was rubbing his arms, which were cramped from their long continued unnatural position, answered frankly: "I'm glad you've apologized, sir; more glad you've seen fit to release me before I told you my story. I suppose I'd better commence from the beginning and tell—"

"Excuse me, my lord, I fancy neither of us have breakfasted. Had we not better postpone the story for a while?"

"Well, if you don't mind I'm sure I don't. To tell you the truth, I'm rather used to try what feeling myself like after being trussed up in that fashion for so long."

"Come then, we'd better go to a hotel."

"Excuse me," said Cressingham, "there's a little matter I'd like to settle before we leave. This officer has a parcel of jewels belonging (at any rate temporarily) to me, which I'd like to recover possession of."

Perigord smiled. "I have them in my bag. Very fine stones they are too, most of them. I did not think you were a gem collector. I must congratulate you on your taste, my lord. Well, if that is all?"

"Quite."

Perigord took the young man's arm and led him from the palace. He occupied the drive with an account of Col. Elliott, whom Cressingham was delighted to learn had, in spite of the decrees of medical science, been restored in a measure to health and to full possession of his mental faculties. The old gentleman, it appears, had, however, lost the use of his lower limbs, and finding himself of no use to Perigord, had returned to London, and was there anxiously awaiting news of his daughter, whose deliverance his unhappy state compelled him to intrust entirely to others. Half an hour later they were seated with Oeltjen at breakfast in the dining hall of the Hotel d'Europe. Cressingham made a very good meal indeed, but the others ate little, and although they courteously endeavored to converse on ordinary topics of the day, it was patent to the Englishman that both were expiring with curiosity and keenly anxious for him to make haste. With pardonable malice he disabused their expectations and ate as slowly as possible. Finally Perigord seemed able to stand the suspense no longer.

"You said, my lord, that you heard the Three, the Three, decree a certain thing," he muttered.

"I did," replied Cressingham, filling his mouth with bread.

"You saw as well as heard?"

"Plainly."

"Then you know them; you would recognize them again?"

"Certainly."

"You perhaps know where they are now?"

Cressingham slowly drank a glass of claret. "One for certain; the other two only vaguely."

"There is no one within hearing," said Perigord, "you might whisper names."

Cressingham leaned forward, and the others instantly drew up their chairs. "Have you ever heard of a man called Boss Gracel, Conti d'Altala?" he whispered softly.

Perigord started at him blankly and shook his head, but a second afterward a gleam came into his eyes. "Stay! let me think," he muttered. "Is he a very old man?"

"Yes, very old."

"I know him, then. I met him years ago in the Casino of Monte Carlo. He lost half a million francs, after three times breaking the bank, and was driven which he had invented. I marked him at the time as the best and most passionate gambler I had ever seen. He lost that vast sum without appearing to mind in the least, and gave a brilliant supper next evening on his yacht to which every one of any consequence was invited. I was, however, unfortunately unable to attend, for I was called away suddenly to St. Petersburg."

"Pardon me," said Cressingham, "you said 'unfortunately.' In my opinion you were very lucky, for that accident prob-

HINTS TO WOMANKIND.

I must repeat my answer to the question concerning gray hair—it must always be a matter of individual choice if one dyes the objectionable locks. There are women who grow beautiful as their locks whiten, and naturally they would not be wise in interfering with nature unless their bread and butter depended upon their youthful appearance. Material living comes first with all of us.

But if women decide to dye their hair they owe it to their friends, and the public, to do a good job. Retching is an offense against good taste, and blotching is impossible with homemade dyes and home application. I have seen the hands of a professional hair-dyer during working hours, and it was not a pretty sight. It is next to impossible to keep the scalp and fingers untainted while using a dye, but women who know their business have preparations to remove such stains. The first stage of hair-dyeing is expensive, and the cost of retouching is a tidy item of expense, yet the women who try it generally consider that they obtain the value of their money in satisfaction.

Gray hair is no longer a sign of age, yet it hints at it too strongly for sensitive women. There are employers so strongly prejudiced against it as to refuse to hire or keep men and women who are gray, even though they have grown gray in good and faithful service. It is a sad state of affairs to the worker who has lost nothing in strength, skill, and ambition, and if a harmless little subterfuge like a really good dye can relieve it, I declare emphatically for dye. Nobody with the feeling of youth has any right to be shelled.

A young woman whose husband detested gray hair asked my advice on the matter. She was ten years younger and looked quite ten years older than he because nervous trouble had robbed her hair of its color. Do you blame her for trying to keep down to the age which was rightfully hers? I do not. When a man begins to turn his eyes to younger and prettier faces, it is time for his wife to make up thoroughly if she cares for him. If her affection depends upon the law of reciprocity, she need not trouble, of course.

Women do about everything else in life to please the other sex, why not keep pretty and young? To be sure, it is more comfortable to give in to age than to fight it, more comfortable to wear loose clothing and easy footwear, to loiter in chairs and spend long hours in sleep. One can sleep too much for health, I understand, but that is lost sight of in the temptations of a soft bed. The busy man has no time to yield to laziness, so he keeps his youth long beyond the time when his wife says farewell to it. A mistake, my friends, as many a woman has discovered too late.

A youthful face with a halo of soft, white hair is very attractive. Hard features and a rough skin are usually softened by gray or white hair, but they certainly take on no appearance of youth. I know women who have patronized hair-dyers for years, and the world forgets to count their birthdays. But they must remain slaves to the habit as long as they live. That must always be taken into consideration.

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bearing with him a huge leather-bound volume containing innumerable sheets of manuscripts. "This," he said, "is a report just completed and furnished me for the Italian police of all houses and castles of importance on the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian coasts whose demesnes abut upon the sea. It may be barely possible that the Count d'Altala is an Italian landholder." He turned over the leaves for the space of perhaps ten minutes, then suddenly uttered a cry of triumph.

"Ha! is as I thought!" he said. "I now marvelously simple is the unraveling of the sublime mystery, once provided with a key. Here, listen, please, gentlemen. 'Villa Franchia, nine miles south of Spezia,' present owner, Boss Gracel, Conti d'Altala, Corsican noble, purchased by him from Carlo, late Prince Visconti, about 1861; large walled park and grounds covering complete front line to small harbor and bay called locally Gulf of Sighs; owner possesses one steam launch and two smaller vessels; keeps up a large establishment; his servants are mostly foreigners."

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